

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL, LEMON GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY, LEMON
GROVE SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD, LEMON GROVE ROADWAY LIGHTING DISTRICT
BOARD, AND LEMON GROVE SUCCESSOR AGENCY
August 5, 2014**

Call to Order

Members present: Mary Sessom, Howard Cook, Jerry Jones, and Racquel Vasquez.
Members absent: George Gastil.

City Staff present: Graham Mitchell, City Manager; Carol Dick, Development Services Director; Leon Firsh, City Engineer; Susan Garcia, City Clerk; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Paolo Romero, Code Enforcement; Lt. Sandoval, Sheriff's Department; Tim Smith, Deputy Fire Chief; Malik Tamimi, Management Analyst; and Cathleen Till, Finance Director.

Public Comment

John L. Wood commented on the color of Lemon Grove's bike lanes.

Brenda Hammond commented on the County of San Diego's social service programs.

Council Remarks and Announcements

Councilmember Cook attended the Annual Law Enforcement Awards, Lemon Cello Apartment Project Grand Opening, and a Heartland Communications meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported on a recent SANDAG Planning meeting and attended the Lemon Cello Apartment Project Grand Opening.

Mayor Sessom reported that SANDAG has been working with stakeholders to develop a plan for the future transportation system. She added that on their website there is a page for public input.

Councilmember Vasquez attended Lemon Grove's Concert in the Park and a San Diego City-County Reinvestment Task Force meeting. She reported that on August 23rd a Home Buyer Workshop will be held at the Lemon Grove library.

1. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting

B. Ratification of Payment Demands

C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda

D. Agreement between Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and the City of Lemon Grove for Employment Relations, Training and Support

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Jones, Vasquez
Absent: Gastil

Resolution No. 2014-3273: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove Approving an Agreement between Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and the City of Lemon Grove to Provide Employment Relations Training

2. Authorization for Placement of Property Liens

Paolo Romero explained that the City of Lemon Grove Municipal Code (LGMC) Section 1.12.012 provides the authority to issue administrative citations for violations of the City municipal code. The LGMC provides for escalating fines and late payment penalties for noncompliance and eventually, property liens when the fines and penalties exceed \$2,000. The purpose of a lien is to recover the City's costs associated with the code enforcement activities. The County of San Diego Tax Assessor requires liens be filed no later than August every year in order to complete the tax rolls. This year, three properties have accumulated code enforcement fines and late payment penalty charges in amounts exceeding \$2,000 and the properties remain in violation. The properties are located at 7636 Madison Avenue, 7572 Roosevelt Avenue, and 3315 Washington Street.

Mayor Sessom opened the cost confirmation hearing.

Public Speaker(s) the following members of the public spoke about the impact to their neighborhood due to the significant problems and extremely poor condition of the property at 7636 Madison Avenue.

Paul Shanahan
James Davis
Steve Love

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Mayor Sessom, to close the cost confirmation hearing passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Jones, Vasquez
Absent: Gastil

Action: Motion by Mayor Sessom, Seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote: and pull the lien

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Jones, Vasquez
Absent: Gastil

Resolution No. 2014-3274: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving the Report for the Placement of a Property Lien and Assessing the Cost of Fines With Late Penalties and Any Costs Associated with Fine Recovery and Efforts to Abate the Violation at 7636 Madison Avenue Pursuant to the City of Lemon Grove Municipal Code Chapter 1.24 and 8.08

Action: Motion By Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Seconded by Mayor Sessom, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Jones, Vasquez
Absent: Gastil

Resolution No. 2014-3275: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving the Report for the Placement of a Property Lien and Assessing the Cost of Fines with Late Penalties and Any Costs Associated with Fine Recovery and Efforts to Abate the Violation at 7572 Roosevelt Avenue Pursuant to the City of Lemon Grove Municipal Code Chapter 1.24 And 8.08

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Mayor Sessom, to adopt the resolution and pull the lien if the property is in full compliance passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Jones, Vasquez
Absent: Gastil

Resolution No. 2014-3276: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving the Report for the Placement of a Property Lien and Assessing the Cost of Fines With Late Penalties and Any Costs Associated with Fine Recovery and Efforts to Abate the Violation at 3315 Washington Street Pursuant to the City of Lemon Grove Municipal Code Chapter 1.24 and 8.08

The City Council directed staff to take the necessary steps to move forward with public nuisance process for the property at 7636 Madison.

3. Lease Agreement with American Red Cross Women, Infants and Children Program for the Use of the Senior Center

Mike James reported that in June 2014, City staff was approached by Ms. Ann Anderson and Ms. Rebecca Gills of American Red Cross Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) to lease a portion of the Senior Center.

In July 2014, WIC and City staff met to discuss the initial terms of a potential lease agreement. Both entities found the terms of the draft agreement acceptable.

The services that the WIC will provide at the Senior Center include:

- Determining eligibility for the WIC, including ascertaining anthropometric information such as height and weight,
- Providing individual counseling sessions,
- Providing group discussions,
- Offering breastfeeding support and help,
- Providing referrals to other community services, and
- Printing checks for nutritious foods including whole grains, fruits and vegetables and baby food.

The professional services will consist of approximately four staff members (WIC Nutrition Assistants, Degreed Nutritionists, and Registered Dietitians). The participants receiving services include infants and children up to age five, postpartum and pregnant women.

Since September 2008, the WIC program has operated from 7034 Broadway, Lemon Grove. If this lease agreement is approved, that location will be closed and relocated to the Senior Center.

Public Speaker(s)

Mike Richards and Brenda Hammond commented on using the Senior Center for the WIC Program.

Action: Motion by Mayor Sessom, seconded by Councilmember Cook, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Jones, Vasquez

Absent: Gastil

Resolution No. 2014–3277: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Lemon Grove and American Red Cross Women, Infants and Children Program for Use of a Portion of the Senior Center Located at 8235 Mount Vernon Street, Lemon Grove, California

4. Progress Report: Implementation of the 2013 Municipal Stormwater Permit

Malik Tamimi explained that on May 8, 2013, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) adopted Order No. R9-2013-0001. The new stormwater permit went into effect on June 27, 2013. The permit requires that the City participate in the development of a Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) and Jurisdictional Runoff Management Program. Both plans are due to the RWQCB no later than June 27, 2015. City staff is currently identifying pollutant load reduction strategies for metals and bacteria as part of the development of the WQIP. Costs to implement the pollutant load reduction strategies are currently not available; however, staff has been focused on identifying the most cost effective strategies that are mostly comprised of source control best management practices.

Public Speaker(s)

John L. Wood commented on the present condition of Chollas Creek.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Susan Garcia

Susan Garcia, City Clerk